

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (New) Method for flavouring drinks by means of solid, solvent-inert, particulate carrier materials loading with flavouring agents, characterized in that inorganic silicon, aluminium and/or carbon-containing compounds from the group comprising silicates, aluminium oxides and activated carbons, which optionally contain portions of water, are used as carrier materials which have a specific surface between 0.1 and 1000 m²/g and preferably of 50 to 500 m²/g.

13. (New) Method as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that silica gels, kieselguhr, activated and/or calcined clays, γ -Al₂O₃ or/and aluminium oxide xerogels are used as carrier materials.

14. (New) Method as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that carrier materials having a pore size between 0.3 and 5000 nm are used.

15. (New) Method as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that carrier materials having a particle size of $\geq 10 \mu\text{m}$ are used.

16. (New) Method as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that carrier materials loaded with readily volatile flavouring agents preferably of natural origin are used.

17. (New) Method as claimed in claim 16, characterized in that the flavouring agents are essential oils, citrus oils, fruit essences and flavour extracts.

18. (New) Method as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that the loaded carrier materials are added to aqueous infusion or extraction drinks and preferably to teas.

19. (New) Method as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that the carrier materials are loaded with the flavouring agents by introducing them into liquids containing flavouring agents.

20. (New) Method as claimed in claim 12, characterized in that the carrier materials are loaded with the flavouring agents by spraying them with liquids containing flavouring agents.

21. (New) Method as claimed in claim 19, characterized in that the liquids containing the flavouring agents are process water from the flavour industry and preferably from flavour extraction, flavour preparation and/or flavour processing or they are flavour

concentrates.

22. (New) Method as claimed in claim 20, characterized in that the liquids containing the flavouring agents are process water from the flavour industry and preferably from flavour extraction, flavour preparation and/or flavour processing or they are flavour concentrates.